

FAQ Web site page

What is TEACH?

The Technology for Educational ACHievement (TEACH) is a program in the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), Division of Enterprise Technology (DET) ([s.16.99, Wis. Stats.](#)). The DOA works in cooperation with school districts, cooperative educational service agencies, charter schools, libraries, secured juvenile correctional facilities, private colleges, tribal colleges, the technical college system board, and the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System to promote the efficient, cost-effective procurement, installation, and maintenance of educational technology. TEACH services began in October 1997. The program is funded through the State [Universal Service Fund](#).

What is the purpose of this Educational Technology Teacher Training grant?

To award annual grants to eligible consortia of school districts for the allowable costs of training teachers to use educational technology.

What is an eligible consortia?

A consortium of school districts is eligible if all of the following apply:

- a) The consortium consists of 3 or more school districts
- b) Each school district must have 13 or fewer students per square mile
- c) Consortium applies for the grant

Is my school district eligible to apply for this Educational Technology Teacher Training Grant?

Check the FY16 certified list of eligible districts. The FY17 DPI certified list of eligible districts will be available in the fall of 2016.

What are the grant periods?

Fiscal Year 2015-16 (FY16) grants shall be for the period of July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.

Fiscal Year 2016-17 (FY17) grants shall be for the period of July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017.

How much funding can a consortia request?

The amount of funding available to a school district is determined by the number of students within the district:

- \$7,500 for districts with fewer than 750 students;
- \$10 per student for districts with between 750 and 1,500 students;
- \$15,000 for districts with more than 1,500 students.

How much total funding is available?

\$1,500,000 is available each fiscal year.

When would grants be prorated and how would they be prorated?

If \$1,500,000 is insufficient to pay the full grant amount, payments will be prorated among the eligible consortia. An across the board proration will be applied to all requests. Each consortium will submit revised budget documents when returning their Grant Award Agreement, reflecting the prorated amount available to each district within the consortium.

Where are the funds for this grant program coming from?

The Technology for Educational ACHievement (TEACH) program is providing funds for this annual grant, utilizing existing funding received by the TEACH program from the State [Universal Service Fund](#).

What teachers are eligible for this training?

Teachers eligible for training events funded with these grant funds are individuals who hold a teacher's certificate or license issued by the state superintendent and whose legal employment requires such certificate or license.

What are examples of an eligible training event?

Examples of teacher training activities that focus on enhancing the skills of teachers include: statewide or regional technology conferences (SLATE, Google events, regional summits), edtech integration training events, training on teaching online or in blended format.

Where can I find the grant application?

The application is posted on the TEACH Web site.

What is a consortium fiscal agent?

Each grant consortium is required to designate a fiscal agent for financial administration of the grant. The fiscal agent will be responsible for the following:

- Coordinate the collection of all grant submission documents, including budget detail for each consortium member, to be made on behalf of the consortium to meet all deadlines.
- Complete the application on behalf of the consortium and complete the application certification statement that all of the application components are included and the proposed expenditure items are eligible.
- Notify consortium districts of their grant award status and designated amount to include any necessary planning to readjust budget if award amount is pro-rated.
- Coordinate collection and submission of any information necessary in the event of an audit.
- Coordinate, prepare and submit required financial and program reports.
- Provide for reimbursement of expenditures to consortium members.
- Maintain documentation of grant activities, including expenditures, according to grant award.

Who can be a consortium fiscal agent?

The fiscal agent shall be one of the consortium school districts or a Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA).

Can training events that already occurred be funded in FY16?

Yes, retroactive training events must have occurred on or after July 1, 2015 and before the grant submittal date.

Our district has prepaid for training events scheduled in FY16? Are those events eligible?

Yes, training events that occur and will be completed before June 30, 2016 are eligible.

Our district has prepaid for summer training events scheduled in July and August of 2016? Are those events eligible?

No, those events are in FY17. \$1,500,000 of grant funding will be available in FY17. Consortia are eligible to apply for funding each fiscal year as long as the district is on the FY17 DPI certified list of eligible districts. The FY17 DPI certified list will be available in fall of 2016.

If consortia doesn't apply for the grant in FY16, am I eligible to apply in FY17?

Yes, \$1,500,000 of grant funding is available each year.

If my consortia applies and is awarded a grant in FY16, do I need to reapply in FY17?

Yes, \$1,500,000 of grant funding is available each year.

How do I file my grant application?

The completed grant application packet must be printed and signed. It will be compiled and submitted by your consortium's designated fiscal agent. Electronically submit the signed document packet to teach@wisconsin.gov or mail to TEACH Wisconsin, 101 E Wilson St, 8th floor, P.O. Box 7844, Madison, WI 53707-7844.

When are FY16 grant applications due?

Applications must be received by email or mail no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2016 to TEACH. Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted.

How will I receive the grant funds?

Funds will be provided to consortia on a reimbursement basis. Each district will submit a reimbursement request to the consortium's fiscal agent (including documentation of the expenses for which reimbursement is requested), who will submit all consortium reimbursement requests and documentation to the DOA. The DOA will pay the consortium fiscal agent, who will then pass the funds to the districts. The grant award document will contain the necessary forms, timelines for submittal of reimbursement requests and further information.